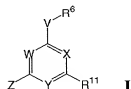


# **N-Heterocyclic Inhibitors Of TNF-Alpha Expression**

## Abstract of the Invention

N-heterocyclic compounds that block cytokine production via inhibition of p38 kinase are disclosed. In one embodiment, compounds of the present invention are represented by Formula I:



Methods of production, pharmaceutical compositions and methods of treating conditions associated with inappropriate p38 kinase activity or TNF- $\alpha$  expression utilizing compounds of the present invention are also disclosed.